

NARA-NGC-2019-000212 has been processed with the following final disposition: Partial Grant/Partial Denial.

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request NGC19-155

Dear Ms. Best:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 31, 2019 and received in our office on the same day. Your request was assigned FOIAOnline tracking number NARA-NGC-2019-000212, and the internal tracking number NGC19-155. In your request you sought the following records:

Copies of emails, memos, letters, reports, statistics and other records mentioning or describing the 2018–19 United States federal government shutdown (2018 December 22 - 2019 January 25) on the processing of FOIA requests or handling of FOIA-related litigation, as well as on other public transparency, disclosure or declassification programs.

Following a search we located nine documents totaling 15 pages responsive to your request. We are releasing seven documents in full, totaling 12 pages and two documents in part, totaling three pages. The three pages contain withholdings pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552 exemption (b)(6) and (b)(5). Exemption (b)(6) protects the release of information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Exemption (b)(5) protects communications that are deliberative in nature and the disclosure of which would reveal inter-agency and intra-agency discussions.

This completes the processing of your request.

If you are not satisfied with our action on this request, you have the right to file an administrative appeal within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter via regular U.S. mail or email. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. If you submit your appeal in writing, please address it to the Deputy Archivist of the United States (ND), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." If you submit your appeal by e-mail please send it to FOIA@nara.gov, also addressed to the Deputy Archivist of the United States. Please be sure to explain why you believe this response does not meet the requirements of the FOIA. All correspondence should reference your case tracking number NGC19-155 and FOIAOnline tracking number NARA-NGC-2019-000212.

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison Gary M. Stern for assistance at:

National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 3110
College Park, MD 20740-6001
(301) 837-1750
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If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

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Sincerely,

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